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SUBJECT: THE COMMUNITY AND THE ECG

1. COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET'S DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET
VANDEN ABEELE HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR EC
CONSIDERATION OF THE ECG.

- THE ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY WILL MEET ON
OCTOBER 9 AND HEAR A REPORT FROM ECG CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON ON THE
STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. VANDEN ABEELE HOPES THAT THE FRENCH
PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMITTEE WILL AT THAT TIME BE IN A POSITION
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TO GIVE A BETTER IDEA OF THEIR POSITION.

- SIMONET WILL GO TO PARIS TO DISCUSS ECG ON OCTOBER 11.
- ECG WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 15 BY WHICH POINT VANDEN ABEELE HOPES THE FRENCH WILL HAVE TAKEN A MORE OR LESS DEFINITIVE POSITION AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE.

2. VANDEN ABEELE SAYS THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN RECEIVING INCREASINGLY ENCOURAGING REPORTS ABOUT FRENCH PARTICIPATION. HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE FRENCH TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY ANY CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION PRIOR TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION BY THE OECD IN MID-NOVEMBER, BUT HE EXPECTS THEM TO ANNOUNCE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN THE GROUP SHORTLY AFTER ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE OECD, WHICH HE ANTICIPATES WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM.

3. VANDEN ABEELE SAID THE FRENCH MAY STILL HAVE SOME SURPRISES. ONE POSSIBLE FRENCH POSITION, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO AGREE TO ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY ACTION SECTIONS OF THE IEP BUT NOT ITS LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES. MISSION OFFICER SAID THAT IN THE US VIEW THE LONG-RANGE ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM WERE AN IMPORTANT INTEGRAL PART OF THE WHOLE.

4. VANDEN ABEELE THOUGHT THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE IEP WITH OR WITHOUT THE FRENCH, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE INCLUSION OF THE FRENCH WOULD INCREASE THE STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION. HE ANTICIPATES DECISIONS BEING TAKEN BY THE EIGHT OR THE NINE ACTING TOGETHER OUTSIDE OF THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IEP WHICH WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE IEP AS A COMMUNITY POSITION. HE ARGUES SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY BUT THE REST OF THE GROUP IN THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE THE HARMONIZATION OF FEWER POSITIONS. MYERSON

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